

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 948**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas supports without reservation the efforts of our institutions of higher education to attract and retain the world's top teachers, scholars, and researchers; and

**WHEREAS**, The University of Houston has a long tradition of counting among its distinguished faculty members highly respected and well-honored leaders in their respective fields of expertise; and

**WHEREAS**, Jody Williams, the recipient of the 1997 Nobel Prize for Peace, has accepted a position as a Distinguished Visiting Professor for the 2003-2004 academic year with the University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work; and

**WHEREAS**, Jody Williams is the founding coordinator of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), which shared with her the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize; she has overseen the growth of the ICBL from six nongovernmental organizations in 1992 to more than one thousand in sixty countries; and

**WHEREAS**, Jody Williams has written and spoken extensively regarding the need for an international prohibition of land mines; well known for her expertise on numerous international issues, she will work with University of Houston faculty and students in developing international justice initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, This prominent scholar brings to the university an international reputation in the areas of education and humanitarian projects, and will share with her students her methods of building a practical and a theoretical understanding

of international political economics and humanitarian issues;  
now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas,  
78th Legislature, hereby commend the University of Houston for  
building upon its well-deserved reputation for learning and  
leading by adding to its outstanding faculty Jody Williams as a  
Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Graduate School of  
Social Work; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That copies of this Resolution be prepared for  
the University of Houston and Jody Williams as an expression of  
esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on May 22, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate